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TO : George Carey, AD/00

DATE: 7 February 1953

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FROM : ORR [redacted]

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SUBJECT: Extract from letter

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"He [redacted] wanted to know how many employees the CIA has, and how much money you spend. Both of these being somewhat secretive points, I was unable to give him any information on the number of employees, and only told him that you were probably spending in the neighborhood of [redacted]

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He had apparently written the same sort of inquiry to David Lawrence, and all Dave did was to put Tom's letter in an envelop and send it over to the CIA for answer, which is a good old democratic custom I have observed constantly during the nine years I have been in Washington. So he wrote me! He also wanted to know a few things about the budget, which I could tell him.

What really interested me, was the basic reason for his letter. It appears that some years ago, apparently in 1946, one of your men, from the CIA, went to his office [redacted]

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[redacted] Tom did not see what business it was of yours, and frankly, neither do I. I think that most of the information Tom could have given your men, could have been secured from the Department of Commerce, and when your agency was set up, the understanding was that its activities would be directed largely to points outside the United States, or if in the United States, to matters which may be said to have originated abroad, or to have some foreign connection."

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